

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of the “Augusta Dance Theatre 20th Anniversary Production of The Roar of Love”

WHEREAS, the Ron Jones Academy of Ballet debuted in 1985, under the direction of Ron and Kathleen Jones, and will celebrate its 20th Anniversary of The Roar of Love, during its 2004-2005 performance season; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Augusta Dance Theatre is a non-professional ballet company created for the purpose of offering the young dance student the opportunity to perform on stage, develop his/her own gifts of expression within the structure of dance theater, these young artists, moreover, are encouraged to share with their audience what is true within themselves through the vehicle of performance. It is in this commitment that the ADT dancer hopes to realize the value of his/her own voice; and

WHEREAS, activities of the Augusta Dance Theatre are varied and include annual performances of The Roar of Love, The New Nutcracker, extensive summer dance programs and a Fall Production. The 20th Anniversary of The Roar of Love is expanded to include a cast of Alumni Dancers who grew up with the love for dance and performing guided and inspired by Ron and Kathleen Jones; and

WHEREAS, the excellence of the Augusta Dance Theatre is acknowledged regionally as shown by support from not only the Augusta-Richmond County, Columbia County and the surrounding CSRA, but also the Georgia Council for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Dance Theatre is sustained by a corps of Company Members, countless volunteers, parents and siblings of these dancers, the Augusta Dance Theatre Guild, and dance students enrolled in Ron Jones Academy of Ballet, who are to be commended for their efforts in the success of the Augusta Dance Theatre; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Augusta, I congratulate the Augusta Dance Theatre on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary of The Roar of Love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7th through 23rd, 2005, to be “AUGUSTA DANCE THEATRE WEEK” in Augusta, Georgia, and ask all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 7th day of April 2005.

Mayor